

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Nishiyama et al.

Application No.: 10/725,791

Confirmation No.: 3322

Filed: December 2, 2003

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS
AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD FOR
CLASSIFYING IMAGES INTO ONE OF A
PLURALITY OF CATEGORIES, AND
SELECTING AND DESIGNATING A
PREDETERMINED IMAGE FROM AMONG
IMAGES BELONGING TO AT LEAST ONE
DESIGNATED CATEGORY (AS AMENDED)

Group: 2173

Examiner: Haoshian Shih

Our File: IPO-P1881

Date: December 15, 2008

REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2008.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: